

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A process for preparing a chopped strand mat, comprising:

- ~~a step of~~ dispersing, in a white water, chopped strands that are dried after sizing with a sizing liquid comprising an organosilane and a film former; then
- ~~a step of~~ forming a web by passing the dispersion over a forming wire through which the white water is drained, the strands being retained on said wire; then
- ~~a step of~~ applying a binder; and then
- ~~a heat treatment step~~ heat-treating.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The process as claimed in ~~the preceding claim~~, ~~characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the dried chopped strands ~~contain~~ comprise less than 0.2% water by weight.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The process as claimed in ~~the preceding claim~~, ~~characterized in that~~ claim 2, wherein the dried chopped strands ~~contain~~ comprise less than 0.1% water by weight.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The process as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the film former has a molecular mass of between 10000 and 100000 and, after drying at 105°C for 2 hours, has a solubility in acetone at 20°C ranging from 50 to 95%.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The process as claimed in ~~one of the preceding~~
~~claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the strands have a length ranging from 20 mm
to 110 mm.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The process as claimed in ~~one of the preceding~~
~~claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein, on passing onto the forming wire, the strands
are dispersed in white water in an amount from 0.06 to 1% by weight of the sum of the
weights of the strands and of the white water.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The process as claimed in ~~the preceding claim,~~
~~characterized in that~~ claim 6, wherein, on passing onto the forming wire, the strands are
dispersed in white water in an amount from 0.1 to 1% by weight of the sum of the weights of
the strands and of the white water.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The process as claimed in ~~one of the preceding~~
~~claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the white water ~~includes~~ comprises a thickener
in an amount such that the white water has a viscosity at 20°C of between 1 and 20 mPa.s.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The process as claimed in ~~the preceding claim,~~
~~characterized in that~~ claim 8, wherein the white water ~~includes~~ comprises a thickener in an
amount such that the white water has a viscosity at 20°C of between 5 and 12 mPa.s.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The process as claimed in ~~one of the preceding~~
~~claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the binder is applied in an amount such that the
mat ~~contains~~ comprises between 2 and 20% binder by weight.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The process as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the binder is applied in an amount such that the mat ~~contains~~ comprises between 3 and 6% binder by weight.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The process as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the heat ~~treatment~~ treating step is carried out by heating between 140 and 250°C.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): The process as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the mat has a mass per unit area of between 50 and 1100 g/m².

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): The process as claimed in ~~the preceding claim, characterized in that~~ claim 13, wherein the mat has a mass per unit area of between 70 and 150 g/m².

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The process as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the strands comprise glass.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The process as claimed in ~~the preceding claim, characterized in that~~ claim 15, wherein, at the moment of their dispersion in the white water, the sized, chopped and dried strands ~~contain~~ comprise 99% glass by weight.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): The process as claimed in ~~one of the preceding~~
~~claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the strands comprise 10 to 300 filaments.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): The process as claimed in ~~one of the preceding~~
~~claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the chopped strand/white water dispersion is
permanently at a temperature ranging from 10°C to 50°C.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): A chopped glass strand mat, wherein the mass per
unit area of ~~which~~ the mat varies by less than 20% over ~~its~~ the surface of the mat and at least
80% by weight of the filaments ~~of which~~ comprised in the mat are in the form of strand
comprising at least 10 filaments.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): The mat as claimed in ~~the preceding claim,~~
~~characterized in that~~ claim 19, wherein the mass per unit area varies by less than 10% over ~~its~~
the surface of the mat.

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): The mat as claimed in ~~the preceding claim,~~
~~characterized in that~~ claim 20, wherein the mass per unit area varies by less than 5% over ~~its~~
the surface of the mat.

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): The mat as claimed in ~~one of the preceding mat~~
~~claims, characterized in that~~ claim 19, wherein at least 90% by weight of the filaments are in
the form of strand comprising at least 10 filaments.

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): The mat as claimed in ~~one of the preceding mat~~
~~claims, characterized in that~~ claim 19, wherein at least 90% by weight of the filaments are in
the form of strand comprising at least 25 filaments.

Claim 24 (Currently Amended): The mat as claimed in ~~one of the preceding mat~~
~~claims, characterized in that it~~ claim 19, wherein said mat has a mass per unit area of between
50 and 1100 g/m².

Claim 25 (Currently Amended): The mat as claimed in ~~the preceding claim,~~
~~characterized in that it~~ claim 24, wherein said mat has a mass per unit area of between 70 and
150 g/m².